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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

William F. Polley, et al.

Serial No.: 09/753,355

Filed: December 29, 2000

For: **A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS
FOR FORMING A ONE-PIECE
INTRODUCER**

Examiner: Flynn, A.

Art Group: 3751

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 24, 2003, in connection with the above referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

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- ☒ Amendment: After Final

☐ Appeal Brief (in triplicate) (____ pgs)

☐ Application: _____
(____ pgs) w/cover & abstract)

☐ Assignment & Cover Sheet (____ pgs)

☒ Certificate of Facsimile

☐ Continued Prosecution Application (CPA)

☐ Declaration & POA (____ pgs)

☐ Drawings: ____ sheets, ____ figures

☐ Extension of Time: _____

☒ Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)

☐ IDS & PTO/SB/08 (____ pgs)

☐ Other _____

☐ Issue Fee Transmittal

☐ Notice of Appeal

☐ Petition for: _____

☐ Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

☐ Reply Brief (____ pgs)

☐ Request & Certification Under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

☐ Request to Rescind Previous Nonpublication Request

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	180	2005	90	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(3)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
15	30*	18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	84.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
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1061	130	2061	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1062	80	2062	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
2063	130	2063	65	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920 *	1804	920 *	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840 *	1805	1,840 *	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1261	110	2261	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1262	410	2262	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1263	930	2263	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1264	1,450	2264	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1265	1,970	2265	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1404	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1461	1,510	2461	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1462	110	2462	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1463	1,300	2463	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or release)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1609	630	2603	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	2460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Sheet	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	1809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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